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Elk Point's Big Buck comes out with a big bang

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Contributor

Organizers of Elk Point's annual Big Buck Contest were pleasantly surprised by the turnout and response to this year's show held on Saturday at the Elk Point Curling Rink.

For this year, the sixth edition of the event put on by the Elk Point Oilmen's Association, 47 entries were counted, with organizer Real Fontaine saying, "That's actually high this year."

Fellow organizer Brant Evans estimated about 60 to 80 people came through the doors on the day to check out the entries, which included 49 deer heads and one set of moose.

He noted this year, with less snow cover and warmer temperatures, didn't make for an extremely bountiful hunting season, so the entries were "better than what we expected – I didn't think we'd have many."

At the end of the day, four winners were crowned with 13-year-old Danny Cardinal winning in the youth category for his antlers, measuring 177 inches, and Dana Lychak taking the ladies category with her antlers measuring at 178 inches. Steven Rolheiser won the men's category, with his antlers measuring 181 inches, while Jordon Driver won the mule deer mixed category, measuring in at 197 inches.

Cardinal, Lychak, and Driver all won head mounts as their prize, while Rolheiser received a 243 rifle.

Boone and Crockett scoring was used, measuring the main beam, each of the points, and their widths and circumferences to select winners.

Several big mule deer were seen during the day, with Fontaine saying, "it was an exceptional year for muleys."

Door prizes were handed out at the end of the night, with Wendy Yarmuch taking home a 410 shotgun, Kaiden Evans-Anderson winning a 22 long rifle, Yvon Fontaine winning a 12-gauge shotgun, and Claudia Wood winning a big "bucket of booze" as it was dubbed.

All in all, it was a great day for Elk Point's hunting enthusiasts, with Fontaine saying - "Our community's like that; this is what we do."



Submitted photos
Elk Point's Big Buck contest on Saturday saw four winners crowned, with Steven Rolheiser (left) winning the men's category, and Dana Lychak winning in the ladies' category. See pictures of other winners on page 2.

Council approves fire department budgets

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council studied the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department's 2017 operating and capital budgets at last Monday's meeting, and received good news from CAO Ken Gwozdz, who reported that the County of St. Paul has now agreed to pay 75 per cent of the fire department's operating costs, rather than the traditional 50 per cent, with the remaining 25 per cent paid by the town. The change is based on the number of calls from the county, as compared to the number from in town.

The fire department also presented a 20-year projection of capital equipment replacement plans, with equipment purchased between 2003 and 2012

scheduled to be replaced between 2018 and 2032.

With the new figures on hand, council agreed to pass both the department's operating and capital budgets.

Amended bylaw approved

With no written response and no one coming forward at Monday's public hearing, Council voted to approve the amendment to Land Uses Bylaw 717/13, which allows a surveillance suite to be part of buildings in Commercial C1 and Highway Commercial C2 land use districts.

Gwozdz said he had answered "a few questions about what a surveillance suite meant" posed by ratepayers who were unsure of what the term meant.

Inspection contract

After some deliberation, council agreed to renew their contract with

Inspections Group for another three years, as they are pleased with the services that company has offered in the past three years and agreed the situation is working well. The County of St. Paul also uses that company for a full range of inspections.

Fibre optic Internet

Jason O'Conner of Axia Fibre Town visited council with a power point presentation regarding connectivity for rural areas. He said the company was instrumental in connecting 430 Alberta towns to 16,000 of fibre optic cable in the Alberta Supernet. Five southern Alberta communities have now been declared "Fibre Towns" with homes and businesses connected to fibre optics and another five are in the construction phase, including Pincher Creek, which had once contemplated installing fibre

optics on their own.

A FibreTown, O'Conner said, is "a progressive town that sees the benefit and which wants to retain the next generation of residents" and which understands the economic advantage and the need for the ultimate digital connectivity.

The process of becoming a FibreTown begins with the community's leaders agreeing that there is a need for fibre Internet expansion. Then, it must be determined that 30 per cent of residents are interested in obtaining the service, before Axia moves into the evaluation phase. At that point, Axia's team surveys the town's roads and utility paths to determine the possibility of installing the necessary infrastructure.

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A fibre town

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Finally, their engineers plan and design the network. Axia's goal is to have 40 FibreTowns across Alberta, with installation at no cost to taxpayers.

Council filed the material as information, and agreed that they will attend a North East Alberta HUB workshop on broadband on Dec. 18 before bringing the matter back to another council meeting.

Supporting Vegreville

Council received a letter from the Town of Vegreville forwarded by HUB asking for the town's support of the town of Vegreville in their protest regarding the closure of the Case Processing Centre by the federal government. Council moved to support their efforts.

Sign change

A 'Yield' sign at 57 Ave. and 48 Street will now be changed to a 'Stop' sign, with Council ratifying

a recommendation coming out of the November 16 Public Works meeting.

Buying local

A letter received from Chamber of Commerce president Jonny Nielsen was brought to council regarding the need to buy local for goods and services. The town currently has a purchasing policy in place that ensures quotes shall be considered from local suppliers. The matter was tabled and will be brought back to council after the CAO researches what is done in other communities to ensure that local suppliers and contractors are considered when making purchases or having work done.

Santas Anonymous

Town council agreed that under the current economic conditions, they will increase this year's donation to \$500 to the Community Lions Santas Anonymous program.

Taxes

Council approved a motion that taxes on two properties that are now owned by the town will be forgiven for the period of time since the town took ownership.

Enforcement order

Council moved to direct the administration to issue an enforcement order on a property that must have an abandoned, dangerous and unsafe trailer, two unregistered vehicles and debris removed from the premises, and to register a caveat against the property's title. The landowner will be given seven days to act on it before other action is taken.

Safety glasses

Public works operators will be reimbursed for prescription safety glasses, following ratification of a recommendation coming from the Public Works committee meeting.



SANTA CAMPAIGN - The annual Santas Anonymous campaign undertaken by the Elk Point Community Lions is well underway with collection boxes in a number of local stores receiving donations of new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food. Susan Frisby (left) and Diane Peifer were doing double duty at Extravaganza, accepting names for the Elk Point Lions Community Christmas Card as well as accepting donations for Santas Anonymous. Peifer also had a visit with Santa to encourage him to help less fortunate local families in any way he can.

THE HEINSBURG SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

wishes to thank the members of the Elk Point United Church for their generous donation made to our Club.

THANK YOU!



ELK POINT BIG BUCK WINNERS - Jordon Driver won the mule deer mixed category at Saturday's Big Buck contest in Elk Point, while Danny Cardinal (right) bagged the youth category with his set of antlers.

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Crusader Craft Sale craziness!

F. G. MILLER HIGH SCHOOL
Review Contributor

If you happened to join us for our 23rd Annual Crusader Craft Sale and Scholastic Book Fair, you know what we are talking about! November 26 was an amazing day filled with fun for all ages. Plus we were so happy to work in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce for the town-wide Extravaganza event.

We hosted close to 40 exhibitors with a wide variety of items and products, which gave our customers the opportunity to purchase treasures for gift giving and stock up on everything from cleaning products to household wares.

We believe we had the highest volume of people to date! Exhibitors also helped make the event great by donating door prizes for a draw, which customers could enter with each purchase. All proceeds from our table rentals go back into our school in a variety of forms and instructional areas.

Our crowds were entertained by a variety of vocal talent from our community. We started the day (and ended it) with Juanita Buck on flute and Eugene Buck on bodhran; Randall Kryz (who set up and took care of our performers) played keyboard, the Clarke Family Singers shared some Disney and Christmas songs; sisters Sue Bartholomew and Gabrielle Bayduza performed separately and then together on guitar and keyboard; Kelly Burke performed vocals and guitar, Dallan and Daleen Pinder shared songs with us; alumnus Shaun Anderson shared his wonderful voice and guitar; the Elk Point Theatre Group sang a song from their upcoming musical, 'The Wizard of Oz'; MJ Espinosa performed vocals

and guitar to an appreciative Crusader crowd; and Denise Bjorkman sang a few songs to fill in the day.

Diana Richer and all her volunteers shared their knowledge of the no-so-cuddly critters at the petting zoo where children and adults alike had a chance to experience and even hold the snakes, tarantulas and lizards. The room was busy throughout the day much to the delight of the kids and the distress of the critters.

Our PUP group and other student and former student volunteers hosted both a table of treats in the gym and the Holiday Gift Shop. Many children shopped in the privacy of Room 4 for the adults in their lives. Sales were great and the group nearly sold out of their entire product line! The proceeds from the Holiday Gift Shop are earmarked for a charity of the PUP group's choice.

Sprinkles the Clown shared part of her day here at FGM and the remainder downtown. She twisted up balloon fun while she was here and then at 2:30 she put on her wonderful magic show, which created a tremendous amount of enthusiasm from the young crowd and their parents. Our appreciation goes out the BPOE Elks who sponsored Sprinkles at the Craft Sale. We can't wait until she returns next year!

The Scholastic Book Fair, which was manned by volunteers Elaine Bjorkman, Ryleigh Trochic and Kelly Raymond, experienced a full library leaning commons throughout the day. We even had a special section of used adult books that found new homes. Proceeds from the book fair go directly back to our library learning commons in the form of new books and cash for programming. Congratulations to Jaleel White and Mrs. Leaf who won the \$25 in



AUTHOR - Billie Milholland was on hand to autograph copies of her latest book, 'Life in the Shed' which tells the history of the North Saskatchewan Watershed and the people who live in it. She and husband John Tilton are former Elk Point residents and also had novels by Edmonton author E. C. Bell and earlier books by Milholland at their table.

free books from our Family Event door prize.

Our Grinch and Clifford performers and their guide, Darby Swedgan, did an exceptional job throughout the day waving, hugging and having their pictures taken with our guests. Brooke Yaremchuk took our photos with The Grinch and Clifford this year.

Crusader chefs, Duane Zaraska and Colleen White, cooked up a storm throughout the day so our customers were well fed and ready to shop.

We could not pull the event together without the help of the staff (especially Jonathan Randall) and students who helped to bring tables from the arena and set up as well as taking all of it down and putting it all away. What an amazing team effort!

Overall, coordinators Tracy Loughran and Denise Bjorkman couldn't be happier with the event and look forward to our 24th Annual Crusader Craft Sale, which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017! Save the date and join us again for more family fun.



BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS - FGM's annual Book Fair had a wide variety of titles available for youngsters of all ages and all interests.



SONGS OF THE SEASON - Sue Bartholomew was one of the many entertainers who took part in the Crusader Craft Sale during the town-wide Extravaganza event.

Vicki Brooker photos

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EDITORIAL

Please help out the hungry

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 6 and later today is the annual Good Buy to Hunger campaign at the Elk Point Co-op, the annual event where shoppers can purchase a pre-packed bag of groceries that will become part of the Santas Anonymous Christmas hampers.

If you don't find time to get down there today, there is still an opportunity to help out the cause. You can deposit non-perishable groceries in any of the Santas Anonymous collection boxes in local stores and other locations around town, and they will be added to the hampers that are delivered to those in need of a hand at Christmas time.

Nobody should have to go hungry, especially at this time of the year, when cold weather makes us all require more food to keep us warm and healthy. Let's all pitch in with a few contributions and make sure that no cupboard is bare this Christmas season.

RECREATION CORNER

Check out what's new at A. G. Ross Arena!

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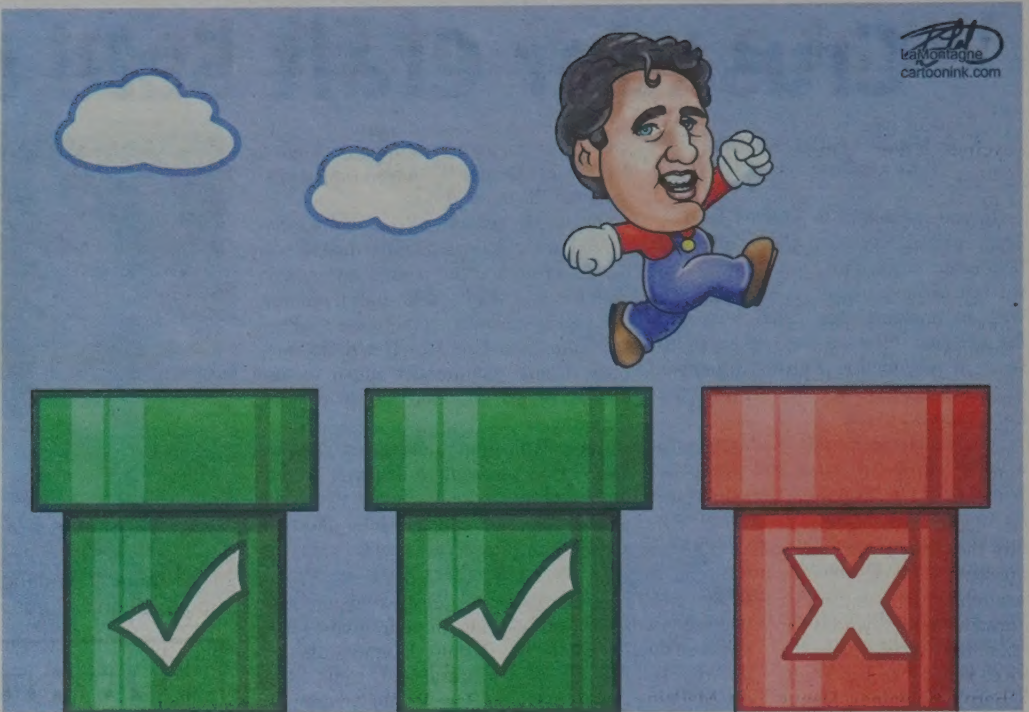
Has anyone checked out the new water fountain at the arena? I know it's kinda "small town" to get so excited about this, but man it's cool! It's a quick filling bottle filling machine, with sensors.



The rink also has a new Elks Change Room, shown below, that just adds a special pride to have such a great team, filled with kind hearted young men who donated their time for the Servus Credit Union shoot out at Extravaganza. They definitely deserve the new room and the rink is just that much cooler with the two new additions.

This week I am doing some grant training. Apparently there's a lot of free money out there, so I'm training with grant guru Kyle with the County of St. Paul and hopefully I'll come back with some fantastic opportunities for non profits and clubs in our community. If you fall under that category send me an email so we can connect after my training at recreation@elkpoint.ca

Also, a reminder that the Town's Community Enhancement Grant applications are due January 6th. The due date has changed from previous years so make sure you put it in your calendar.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Gas pipeline, Bicentennial image, community support, crime decrease

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6 IN...

1986

Mayor Byron Mann turned the tap to officially open the new water treatment plant and create a new pressure zone for the north end of town. Mann also turned another landmark valve in his capacity with Westmin Resources, officially opening a natural gas pipeline which would operate 240 Westmin heavy crude oil wells which had formerly been operated with trucked-in propane.

1991

The Town of Elk Point agreed to wholeheartedly adopt the Bicentennial image for the upcoming 200th anniversary of Fort George and Buckingham House trading posts. Fundraising got underway for a new rescue van for the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department.

1996

Local groups were decking the halls with attractively decorated trees which were displayed at local businesses during Extravaganza and sold by silent auction, as a group fundraiser for the organizations. Dr. Jonathan Adams, Lavinia Ewasiuk, Carol Maas, Melvin McGinnis, George Sanders and Walter Saranchuk were all part of the new Region 4 Community Health Council which held its first public meeting in Cold Lake.

2001

It was a magical night for Elk Point's Christmas Extravaganza, with a nip in the air and just a few snowflakes floating down. Babe and Colleen Sharkey

were honoured as outstanding community supporters at the annual Heinsburg School Craft Sale.

2006



ELK POINT AND DISTRICT ignored the coldest temperatures of the year to enjoy all the fun of Christmas Extravaganza and although one or two floats may have been a no-show at the Winter Wonderland Parade, the colorful, lighted procession was cheered on by a large crowd of well-wrapped watchers, even though their applause may have been muffled by thick mittens.

An army of volunteers helped propel Ed Stelmach into the premier's office, according to local MLA Ray Danyluk, who was very happy with Stelmach's first-place finish.

2011

Crime statistics in Elk Point and district were "definitely going in the right direction, RCMP Sgt. Brad Lazicki told town council., with reported incidents in the previous four months dropping to 268 from 464 for the same period in 2010 and a clearance rate of 101 per cent compared to 84 per cent the previous year. Beard-growing and fundraising efforts at Heinsburg School ended with six furry-faced fellows parading into the gymnasium for a ceremony where principal Darcy Younghans kissed a pig after raising the most money for Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society.

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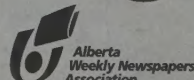
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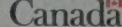
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What a week of Elk Point minor hockey!

Wonder who is more excited, the parents, grandparents or the kids? I'm talking about the first home game of the year for the micro novice. They look like bumper cars out on the ice, knocking each other over harmlessly, tumbling to get up, then going at full speed ahead until they hit the wall and fall down again. Talk about exciting! The first home game of the year for the micro novice is always exciting for the parents and grandparents, their little son or daughter, or grandson or granddaughter, who is for sure the best player on the ice. Hat tricks for Wyatt 'Earp' Fontaine, Denys Kuba and Jaxon Smith.

This is what I call a sign of a good teamwork. When you score eight goals by eight different players, it means you have a very good team effort, not just one or two strong individual players. The midget Avalanche are rolling right along, defeating Mallaig on Friday night by 8 - 5. Count them - eight different goal scorers, Angus 'Micky' McFarlane, Nick 'Sparky' Anderson, Warren 'Warrior' Ference Bowen 'Bam Bam' Krider, Chad 'Pick Pocket' Poitras, 'Captain Obvious' Austin Stafford, Brody 'The Big O' Odgaard, and Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage all scoring one each and at least one assist each. In the middle of it all, set up man Kyle 'Ketchup' Kjenner came in with a few helpers.

On Sunday, the boys travelled to Mannville and it was still a team effort, but it sounds like they didn't bring their A game with them, losing 6 - 4. 'Captain Obvious' led the way with two goals, 'Bam Bam' banged in one, and the fast and furious 'Pick Pocket' also putting one upstairs into the mesh, 'Big O', 'Ketchup' and 'Sparky' assisting.

Marwayne and Kitscoty have always produced good hockey players when both towns had teams, so if you combined both towns to make a team naturally they would be good. Throw in a few Dewberry kids to boot and you have an awesome team. It was a bit of an eye-opener for our bantam guys who have had it fairly easy this year in the league up to now, and maybe they needed a loss just to keep them hungry. The bantam Avalanche suffered a 10 - 3 loss on Saturday at home to the hands of the Kitscoty / Marwayne team. 'King Cole' Bendixen, Dallas



doug
BASSETT
Review Sports

'Cowboy' Bristow and 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage were the only ones to find the twine, with Jace 'the Stafford Streak' and Jaden 'Jetstream' Van Maarion came in with the assists.

It's been a rough road all year for head coach Robyn Moroziuk and the peewee Avalanche, but it got even tougher when the peewee Avalanche took on Mallaig, one of the best teams in the league on Saturday at home, losing by double digits. 'Mic Jager' Fontaine was the only scorer for the Avalanche, with Josef 'Red' Theriault coming with the assist.

Meanwhile, it was smooth sailing and another two big wins for head coach James Capjack and the Atom Avalanche who are sitting with 10 wins and one loss in the season. Against Lac La Biche on Saturday, the boys won 6 to 2. 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras scored two goals,

Cash 'CC' Capjack came in with a goal and three assists, Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal had a goal and an assist, while Phoenix Quinney-Canning and 'Top Gunner' Crawford each potted one goal, with Vaughn 'Vulture' Ockerman having an assist. Then on Sunday, Lloydminster was in town with the Avalanche winning again, this time, 9 - 1. Cash 'CC' Capjack cranked up the cash register ringing in four goals, 'King Kong Konnor' had a natural hat trick, Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron and 'Top Gunner' Crawford had one each, while solid D Man 'St Nic' Penner had three assists and 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine, 'the Vulture' and Phoenix Quinney-Canning all had assists.

The bantam girls Storm travelled down to Hardisty on Saturday afternoon to play Irma, with a very short bench of only nine skaters and a goalie, two lines and three D.

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The bantam Avalanche welcomed a strong Kitscoty-Marwayne team to home ice on Saturday, in which they were sorely tested, losing 10 - 3.

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Week of minor hockey

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After a sluggish first period, they picked it up and played really well for the rest of the game. Ashley 'Hacksaw' Hunter moved over to play centre after the first period and had a strong game, getting in everyone's face on the fore check and winning face-offs. She was named the player of the game.

On Sunday, the Storm hosted the Lakeland Jaguars and it was almost the opposite of the day before. Again the team only had nine skaters but they came out very strong, scoring the first goal. After two periods, the score was a respectable 5 - 2, with the girls getting 19 shots on goal, the most they have had all year. The team had also scored two goals, courtesy of Jenna 'Precious' Poitras, with the first one assisted by Ashley 'Hacksaw' Hunter and Jelena 'Prime Time' Parr, and the second goal scored by 'Prime Time' assisted by 'Hacksaw' and Chloe 'Mouse' Bendixen. On the third period, the girls finally powered out, but when you are facing a team with 16 skaters and you have only nine, they did very well to stay in the game as long as they did. 'Prime Time,' who is usually on defence, played centre and was named the Storm Trooper of the game.

The novice 1 B team played in St. Paul on Saturday, winning 12 to 9. The game saw a hat trick for Kaysen DeMoissac, Braylee 'BJ' Lesyk, and his brother 'Good Time Charlie' Charlotte Henderson with two goals, Miles Koren and Kale Ockerman with one each. Brendan Kadutski got in on the assists.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week: 'I've always believed, no matter how many shots I miss, I'm going to make the next one.'

Last week's answer to 'A person always doing his best becomes a natural leader, just by example' - Joe Dimaggio



HERE COMES THE HO, HO, HO LAUGH - Santa has been making lots of stops in the area, including in Elk Point during the town-wide Extravaganza event on Nov. 26, much to the delight of the young children stopping by to say - or wave - hello.

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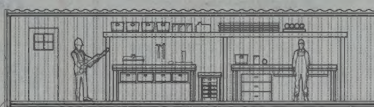
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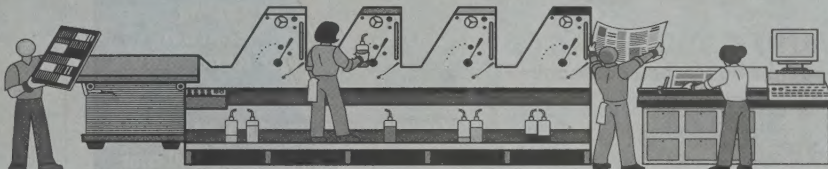
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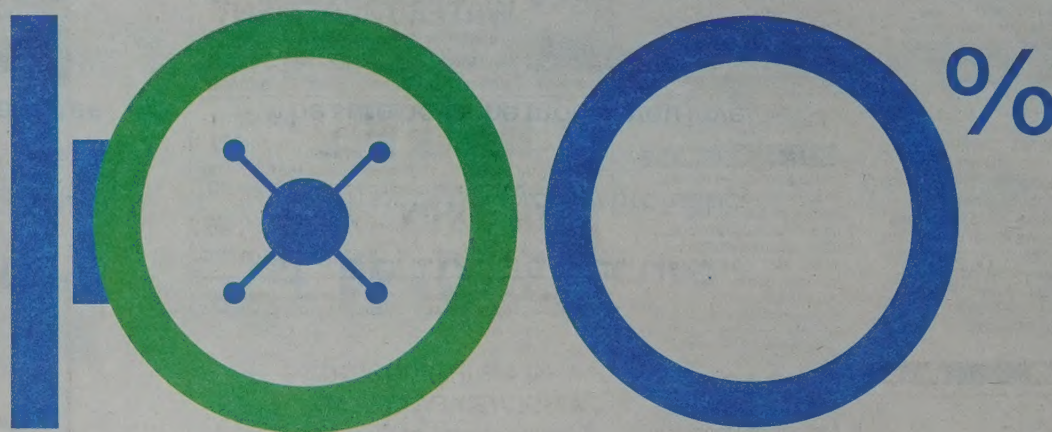
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